## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006 1640A

Akira MIZUNO et al. : Confirmation No. 9383

Serial No. 10/594,387 : Group Art Unit 1797

Filed October 17, 2006 : Examiner Elizabeth L. McKane

METHOD OF STERILIZATION AND : Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

APPARATUS THEREFORE

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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 12, 2010, the period for response having been extended for one (1) month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows: